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SUBJECT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR ON EGYPTIAN- SAUDI MANEUVERS
RE LIBYA

1. AT SOCIAL FUNCTION EVENING JUNE 14 FRENCH AMB GEORGY
VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING TO ME:

A. SADAT AND FEISAL AGREED LAST MONTH THAT SOMETHING
HAD TO BE DONE TO REIN IN QADHAFT' S DEMANDS FOR MARTIAL
ACTION ON ME PROBLEM, AT LEAST UNTIL END OF UNSC DEBATE
AND PROBABLY UNTIL WELL INTO THE FALL, SO AS TO ALLOW
TIME FOR SADAT' S EFFORTS REGARDING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
TO RUN THEIR FULL COURSE. FOR HIS PART, SADAT WOULD FIND
WAYS TO POSTPONE UNITY WITH LIBYA, OR AT LEAST WATER
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IT DOWN TO SOMETHING PURELY SYMBOLIC. FEISAL WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO EGYPT, BY IMPLICATION TO MAKE UP ANY LOST FROM LIBYA.

B. FRENCH INFO ON ABOVE STEMS FROM WHAT FEISAL HIMSELF TOLD BOUMEDIENNE, ON HIS RECENT VISIT ALGIERS. AT LEAST ONE OF FEISAL' S PURPOSES ON VISIT WAS TO ENCOURAGE ALGERIANS TO STRING ALONG, QUID PRO QUO PRESUMABLY BEING A CREDIBLE ASSURANCE PROPOSED EGYPTIAN/ LIBYAN MERGER WOULD NOT AMOUNT TO MUCH, IF ANY-THING. HIS VISIT TO TUNIS HAD SIMILAR PURPOSE.

C. GEORGY PROFESSED TO SEE IN SADAT' S COMPLACENCE IN PUBLIC, WHILE HERE RECENTLY, A SIGN THAT HE HAD FOUND A WAY TO SUPPRESS QADHAFI' S MILITANCY RE ME PROBLEM. HE NOTED, WHICH TRUE, THAT BOTH SADAT AND QADHAFI STRANGELY SILENT OR OBSCURE ON IMPENDING UNION IN THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF JUNE 11 AND 12, DESPITE AT LEAST THREE ANNOUNCED MEETINGS OF " HIGHER POLITICAL COMMAND". WE AGREED IT APPEARS ALL HARD DECISION RE FORM OF UNITY WERE POSTPONED AT LEAST UNTIL THE TWO GET TOGETHER AGAIN IN CAIRO IN EARLY JULY. (SEE ALSO CAIRO 1775, JUST RECEIVED).

2. COMMENT : SUBJECT TO FURTHER INFO, MUCH OF ABOVE STRIKES ME AS PLAUSIBLE. FRENCH, OF COURSE, HAVE MOTIVE IN THEIR EMBARRASSMENT OVER MIRAGE TRANSFERS TO MINIMIZE SUBSTANCE OF ANY IMPENDING EGYPTIAN/ LIBYAN UNION, EVEN TO HOPE IT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. ON OTHER HAND, ASSUME FRENCH IN BETTER POSITION THAN MOST TO LEARN WHAT FEISAL TOLD BOUMEDIENNE AND BOURGHIBA. SAUDI BANKROLE AND GENERAL ATTITUDE TOWARD SADAT, WHICH APPEARS TO BE IMPROVING, ALSO MAKE FOR PLAUSIBILITY. AS FOR SADAT AND HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD SHARING POWER WITH QADHAFI, SEEMS POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT THAT A NUMBER OF CAIRO PRESS REPORTS INDICATE EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF QADHAFI' S POPULAR REVOLUTION, ETC. HOWEVER, SOME ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE INFO THAT WOULD ALTER THE PICTURE AS PRESENTED TO ME BY GEORGY. HAVE NOTED CAIRO 1780, FOR EXAMPLE. JOSIF

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